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## GREEK GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST THE ENEMY FROM CRETE: TRANSFER OF CAPITAL IS ANNOUNCED BY KING

### Stubborn Resistance In New Allied Positions: Armistice Reported In Epirus Region

KING GEORGE OF THE HELLENES YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED TO THE PEOPLE OF GREECE THAT HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT WILL LEAVE ATHENS FOR CRETE, FROM WHERE THEY WILL CONTINUE THEIR FIGHT AGAINST THE ENEMY, says Reuter.

In his message, the King said: "The hard destinies of war have forced me and my lawful Government to leave our capital for Crete where we will continue to fight until the final victory.

"THE BRITISH CAME TO OUR ASSISTANCE HEROICALLY AND ARE STILL FIGHTING BESIDE OUR GALLANT FORCES.

"I regret to announce that the Greek army of the Epirus, without the knowledge of our Government has capitulated to the enemy and an armistice is being arranged. This will in no way bind our Government to their surrender."

### Concentrated German Air Fury Rained On Plymouth Once Again

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—PLYMOUTH, Drake's stronghold, has taken its second aerial blitz in two successive nights, writes Reuter's Staff reporter.

"I have just toured Plymouth after hours of concentrated fury and I found the town bruised, but undaunted. German bombers began drooping over Plymouth early on Tuesday evening and with short hulls, they came over in wave after wave until the small hours.

"Some fires were started in the smoke. From various precarious initial stages of the attack and the shelters, I watched a veritable hurricane of death. Bombs of all sizes fell into this flaming inferno, wrecking homes, business premises, churches, hospitals and cinemas.

"This was what the Germans have described as the 'military harbour of Plymouth.' While this 'military' target was being battered, I witnessed many acts of heroism performed by firemen, firewatchers and police.

"While the raid was in progress and at its fiercest, emergency feeding centres were established to give succour.

"I fear that the casualty list is heavy and must include a large number killed."

#### EMBASSY DAMAGED

The American Embassy in London was slightly damaged in the recent raids on the capital. The Ambassador, Mr. John G. Winant was in the Embassy. After dealing with his own fire, he dashed next door to help to extinguish a fire at the Italian Embassy.

Three enemy planes attacked Changsha, dropping bombs indiscriminately. More than 90 civilians were killed and wounded and 60 houses demolished.

Shanghai was raided by a squadron of 14 machines. About 30 bombs were dropped, killing only two men.

Eighteen planes bombed Lishui. Explosives were dropped in the suburbs. Casualties and damage are under investigation.

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### Economic Situation Of Free China Unaffected By Coastal Operations

CHUNGKING, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—Chinese Press and official circles emphasise that the Japanese operations on the CHEKIANG and FUKIEN coasts cannot affect the economic situation of FREE CHINA.

Aside from the supplies coming in over the south-west and north-west routes, the Ministry of Economic Affairs states that the Chinese industrial plants in the interior produce considerable quantities of basic military supplies as well as daily necessities, giving the following figures for the 1941 production:

COAL, 57,000 tons; PETROLEUM, 440,000 gallons; ALCOHOL, 4,500,000 gallons; YARN, 54,000 pieces; FLOUR, 2,500,000 bags; SOAP, 300,000 boxes; MATCHES, 11,700, boxes; PAPER, 1,500 tons.

The Chinese official CENTRAL DAILY NEWS states that the Japanese operations on the Chekiang and Fukien coasts resulted in the closure of the route and also the seizure of imported goods which affects China's resistance.

### BREST TWICE RAIDED

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announced that two raids were made by British bombers on the German naval base at Brest, where the cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are still sheltering.

Bombs were dropped and further damage was inflicted in addition to the damage caused in eight previous raids.

In daylight yesterday, British aircraft attacked a heavy laden enemy supply ship of about 2,000-tons off the coast of Norway. The vessel was seen to be hit and sinking.

A German minesweeper was also damaged in the same operation.

### Chief Scout Sends His Greetings Overseas

"I am speaking to you for the first time as Chief Scout of the Empire and I am grateful to the B.C. for broadcasting my words to the members of this great family overseas. It gives me and those in this country even a greater feeling of unity—unity in our loyalty and unity in determination to live up to the example which was set up by our Founder."

These words were spoken by LORD SOMERS, the Chief Scout, at a gathering held in a theatre in Manchester, the cathedral having been damaged by bombs.

Scouts in the old country, he said, were rendering great services in the war and had proved themselves worthy of their training.

"I send you greetings wherever you may be," he said.

"Let us, therefore, go forward from this day which we celebrate of the Patron Saint, George, with high courage and prepared to live as true Scouts, and may God bless you all."

### JUMPED FROM SEA WALL

A Chinese woman, aged about 33, jumped from a sea wall at Shamshui-poo last night about 11.10 in an alleged attempt to commit suicide. She was pulled out of the water by people passing by, and was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

ADMIRAL DARLAN has left for Paris today for talks with occupation authorities. He will be informed of the German views, regarding more active Franco-German co-operation.

The correspondent says that Vichy circles believe that Germany is ready to make some concessions to France in exchange for the strengthening of France's industrial potential in favour of Germany.

It is not believed that the Germans will make any demands of military nature such as permission for German troops to march through France to Spain or placing French ports at Germany's disposal.

It is possible that Admiral Darlan will hold a further conversation later at Vichy in the presence of a high German diplomatic personality.

### MESSAGE BY MENZIES TO PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA: WAS DUTY OF EMPIRE TO GIVE AID TO GREECE

"I have told the people here in your name that we are with them in temporary defeat as well as in victories until, in His own time, God delivers the world from the scourge that has been laid upon it," said the RT. HON. R. G. MENZIES, PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA, when he broadcast from London yesterday a message to the people of the Commonwealth.

"The tide of battle ebbs and flows," said Mr. Menzies. "Only a few weeks ago I was able to speak to you from the Middle East with joy of the Australian victories there. Today we are anxiously watching what is happening in Greece and Libya.

"I had anticipated that before now I will have been on my way back to Australia, but I did not feel, nor did Mr. Churchill, that at a time like this, when great decisions had to be made, that I should be travelling back at such a stage of the war."

STAND FIRM

Reuter adds:

"At this moment when Australian forces, both in Greece and Tobruk, are fighting so splendidly and inflicting such losses upon the enemy that I urge the Australian people to stand firm," declared Mr. Menzies.

"The debates and recriminations about strategic decisions and tactical dispositions, the results of which are still literally being fought out, can do no good at present."

"The difficulties of the Greek campaign were always understood by the British, Australian and New Zealand Governments but it was felt that it was unthinkable that Greece which fought so valiantly against the Italians and which was prepared to withstand the onset of Germany through Bulgaria, should be left unassisted.

"Though military considerations are always to be taken into account because they measure the hazards to be undertaken, you cannot judge an international action in war solely according to military rules.

"I say quite bluntly that whatever criticism may arise in relation to our assistance to Greece, it is nothing to the criticism we would justly have encountered throughout the world, if having

### Darlan Will Be Informed Of German Views

ZURICH, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—Well-informed circles in Vichy expect important political developments shortly, says the Vichy correspondent of the Swiss telegraphic agency.

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### FULL INQUEST SOUGHT

SYDNEY, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—Before today's meeting of the War Council, labour members declared that they would insist on a "full inquest" on the Greek expedition decision.

They described Mr. Menzies' reasons for not consulting the Australian War Council as specious.

Labour members stated that they aimed at ensuring that the War Council will be consulted on other major defence policy matters, including the despatch of an Australian force to Malaya.

### Gen. Blamey Appointed As Deputy Commander Of The Imperial Forces

The appointment of GENERAL SIR THOMAS BLAMEY, Commander of the A.I.F. in the Middle East, to be Deputy Commander of the Imperial Forces in that theatre of war was announced in London yesterday, by Mr. R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia.

Mr. Menzies said that Gen. Blamey's work had called for the highest praise from Gen. Wavell and it was fitting that he should be made Deputy Commander.

"This news will, I am sure, give pleasure to my countrymen because he will now have a voice in making decisions."

Mr. Menzies said that Sir Thomas had rendered very gallant services with the British Imperial troops in the fighting in Africa.

HIS MOTTO

Reuter adds that Sir Thomas Blamey is 57, thick-set, of middle height and sparing of words. He has been described as "a man and a half." His motto is, "We cannot expect to win this war unless we carry the fight to the enemy."

He was on the Permanent Staff of the Australian military forces when the last war began and commanded the second battalion of the Australian Expeditionary Force in France, becoming Chief of Staff at 35. He was seven times mentioned in despatches.

### U.S. NAVAL BASE AGREEMENT

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—The 99-year Crown lease, granting the United States a site for a naval base under the destroyers for bases agreement, was signed at Government House.

RAANGOON, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—The first vessel built in Burma for the Burmese Navy will be launched on Thursday. This was announced by the retiring Governor of Burma, Sir Archibald Cochrane.

Should further retreat and eventual evacuation be necessary it will cause grave disappointment in this country, in Australia, in New Zealand and to everyone

### Hitler Turns Larder Into Battlefield

Herr Hitler was using the Balkans as a source of large food supplies, but he has had to turn the larder into a battlefield. He has lost millions of men. Even if men mean nothing to him, they cannot be turned out like shelling peas. He has lost time which might have been better employed elsewhere," stated MR. CYRIL LAKIN, B.B.C. commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

### BALKAN RESULT

The results of the Balkans campaign, he said, must be judged dispassionately and as a whole.

Examining Hitler's gains, Mr. Lakin said that "although Hitler had his eyes on the oilfields of Rumania, it was probable that he was getting less oil than before. He had saved the Italian Army in Albania and had gained aerodromes with which to attack British shipping and Egypt."

Speaking of the situation in Greece, Mr. Lakin said that it had deteriorated in the last 24 hours and this was to be expected in face of the heavy weight of the German attack.

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### Today's News Summary

THE CAPITAL of Greece has removed from Athens to Crete from where the Greek Government will continue the fight against the enemy. It is reported that, without the knowledge of the Government, the Greek army of the Epirus capitulated. The new defensive positions of Greek and Empire forces are stated to be rearing stubbornly.

THAT IT WAS the British Empire's duty to send aid to Greece was the firm opinion of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, who is in London when he broadcast a message to the people of the Commonwealth yesterday. He said that the decision was taken after every aspect of the question had been debated.

NAZI AIR FURY was concentrated on Plymouth for the second night in succession and it is feared that casualties will be heavy.

BRITISH FORCES made a successful landing at Bardia during the week-end where they destroyed an important bridge and a stores dump.

GENERAL SIR THOMAS Blamey has been appointed Deputy Commander of the Imperial Forces in the Middle East. He is 57.



# In the World of Sports

## INT'L SOFTBALL: THREE DOUBLE-KILLINGS FEATURE PORTUGAL-U.S. CLASH: INDIA LUCKY TO ELIMINATE CHINA SQUAD

BY 'R.O.Y.'

CLOSE FINISHES AND BRILLIANT PLAYS FEATURED LAST SUNDAY'S SOFTBALL PROGRAMME which consisted of three semi-final matches in the ladies' and men's international series.

Contrary to general expectations, Great Britain proved to be an excellent match for China, in the ladies' game, and just failed to register a sensational upset when they went down by the odd run in nine after leaving two runners stranded on second and third in the last inning.

Welford Welford's British nine opened the scoring with a tally through Kitty Bush in the second frame, but the Chinese lassies came back with two markers, through Doris and Mary Mar, in the first of the third.

Good defensive play held both squads scoreless for the greater part of the match but China jumped into a winning lead when Mary, Lily and Gloria Mar dented the platter in the first half of the ninth.

Jerry Jorge and Kitty Bush counted in the British half of the same frame to reduce the margin, and hopes ran high as the opposing Chinese lassies were disposed of in 1-2-3 order in the seventh.

### SITTER DROPPED

Coming to bat for the last time, Coco Yolle fanned the breeze, Dolly Brown grounded to hurler Mary Ng for the second out, but the excitement started when Rene Yuen fumbled Jerry Jorge's slow roller to allow the latter to reach first safely. Jean Yolle was also given a life on another error and Jerry Jorge came

### INDIA LUCKY

India, the defending international champs, had a torrid time with Granpop Leung's Chinese outfit and were rather fortunate to survive by the bare margin of the only run scored. Scoring opportunities were lost by both squads, through faulty base-running but scoring was extremely difficult as the defence of the opposing teams was remarkably sound.

Herbie Quon regained much of his old-time form to hold the winners to three hits, while fanning on five and conceding four free passes. His opposite number, Kassa Nazar, also did an excellent job on the mound to concede but four singles and a base on balls.

The outstanding batters were Jindoo Hussain who paced the winning slugs with a double and a single and Ross Maru who garnered a brace of bungles for the losers.

### PORTUGAL-U.S. CLASH

Three twin-killings marked the clash between Portugal and the United States, the flashiest of which was the one by which Artur Ozorio, George Souza and Nick Beltrao erased Ernie Heather and Lou Light in the second stanza.

It may have been merely coincidental but these two victims got their own back when they doubled up on George Souza and Tony Alves in the fifth and then obliterated both Zinho Gosano and Bertie Gossano in the sixth inning.

The Americans won the decision by three tallies to one, but were outhit 8-4 and committed four miscues to the losers' two. Mack Sperry led the winners' attack with a perfect 3-in-3, besides scoring two of his team's three markers although "Big Chief" Pete Fitch belted a rousing double-bagger for the longest hit of the game.

### LEIGHT BRILLIANT

Lou Light, reinstated at the Hot Corner after a lengthy sojourn in the pastures, well justified his return to the infield with a brilliant performance during which he effected two put-outs and eight assists without putting a foot wrong.

Hindmasher Joe Morris showed plenty of life and his covering of Ernie Heather at first base amazed the fans who seldom see our local catchers attempt the same thing.

### George Souza was the star

turn of the losing aggregation, his brilliant fielding and consistent batting in this game topping all of his best performances for the champion Saints.

Artur Ozorio and Nick Beltrao gave him fine support, the latter's side for first that erased Lou Light being a particularly spectacular effort. Gerry Gosano was once again Portugal's ace hitter, his two singles in three trips to the

## Y.M.C.A. DRAW WITH MIDDS. AT WATER-POLO

The European Y. M. C. A. officially opened their swimming season with a friendly water-polo match against the Middlesex Regiment at their pool last night which resulted in a draw, two-all.

Middlesex scored first through Burbig and two minutes before the interval May equalised for the Y. In the second half, Middlesex had most of the play.

Two players were ordered out of the pool for drifting, offenders being May (Y.) and Burkitt (Midds.).

### SOLDIERS LEAD

Immediately after, Middlesex took the lead through Ure, who scored with a nice backhand shot. The soldiers maintained this lead until 10 seconds before the final whistle, when Benn broke through on his own to equalise.

For the Y. May and Railton played well, and for the Middlesex Berry in goal, who saved many good shots, together with Burbig and Ure formed the backbone of the team.

Y. M. C. A.—Eardley; Benn, Railton; Wilson; Goldman, May.

MIDDLESEX.—Berry, Jennings, Burkitt; Burbig; Quickeenden, Ure and Baker.

## BOWLS SEASON OPENS MAY 3

A meeting of the Council of the Lawn Bowls Association was held on Tuesday.

The President, Sir Atholl MacGregor, was in the Chair, supported by Mr. J. A. Fraser, Vice-President, and Mr. R. P. Phillips, Hon. Secretary. Representatives of Clubs were present.

League fixtures drawn up by Mr. C. J. Tacchi were approved. The new bowls season is to open on May 3.

### ANOTHER SWEEP

The Chairman said there had been an excellent response to the sweep conducted last year, and if it should be decided to hold another sweep he would be pleased again to undertake the Treasure ship.

The President or Vice-President, the Hon. Secretary and Messrs. A. B. Allan, E. Gill, E. de Souza and V. Chittenden were elected members of the Special Competition Committee.

## NO TENNIS

For the third day in succession this week tennis was washed out by rain yesterday.

As originally arranged, and weather permitting, today will see S. A. Rumjahn, holder, meet Tsui Wai-pui, in the semi-final of the Singles of the Open tennis tournament at the Stand Court.

## Y.M.C.A. ATHLETIC SECTION

A meeting of members interested in Athletic (Running) will be held at the European Y. M. C. A. tomorrow at 6 p.m. to form a committee and discuss plans for this new section.

Contrary to earlier expectations, it is learned that Hongkong Cricket Club will probably be entering "A" Division of the Lawn Tennis League.

pan nosing out George Souza's 2-in-4, for top honours.

### PRACTICE GAME

Keeping his Canuckettes in training with an eye to regaining the league championship next season, Bill Woo matched his Maple Leaf squad with the True Light school-girls on Saturday afternoon at Stubbs Road.

The Canuckettes nosed through to a close 9-6 triumph but were full of praise for their opponents who, so they say, will trouble the best of local ladies' teams if they enter the league next year.

## Home Soccer Fixtures

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—Following are corrected football fixtures for Saturday:

### WAR CUP SEMI-FINALS RETURN MATCHES

Leicester v. Arsenal. Newcastle v. Preston.

### INTERNATIONAL MATCH

England v. Wales.

### LONDON CUP

Queen's Park Rangers v. Brentford. Bournemouth v. Luton. Southend v. Southampton. Watford v. Portsmouth.

### REGIONAL LEAGUE (SOUTH)

Bolton v. Blackburn. Bradford v. Rochdale. Chesterfield v. Sheffield. Wednesday. Doncaster v. Halifax. Grimsby v. York. Huddersfield v. Burnley. Leeds v. Sheffield United. Liverpool v. Manchester United. Manchester City v. Blackpool. Middlesbrough v. Barnsley. Newbrighton v. Everton. Oldham v. Bury. Rotherham v. Bradford. Tranmere v. Southport. Wrexham v. Stockport.

### REGIONAL MATCH

Stoke v. Chester.

### SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Albion v. Airdrieonians. Rangers v. Third Lanark. Hamilton v. Motherwell. Hibernian v. Dumbarton. Patrick v. Celtic.

## SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

ATHLETICS.—Wai-Yan College Annual Athletic Meeting, at K.F.C. 1 p.m.

BADMINTON.—Colony Championships (At Kowloon C.C.). Junior Singles.—J. Odell v. A. L. Fisher; 8 p.m. Mixed Doubles.—P. K. Ho and Miss U. Khoo v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss Silva or H. C. Eardley and Mrs. Torrible. 8.30 p.m. Junior Doubles.—T. S. Young and K. Fung v. C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier. Senior Singles.—P. H. Wong v. M. P. Young.

SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Swimming practice (5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.).

TENNIS.—Colony Championships, Open Singles Semi-Final.—S. A. Rumjahn v. Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court).

WATER-POLO.—Meeting to discuss Water-polo Tournament between Y. M. C. A. and Service teams (West Lounge) 6 p.m.

TOMORROW

TENNIS.—Colony Championships, Club Championships Final.—C. H. R. Oxlade or F. W. Carter v. R. D. Guest or M. Pagn (Stand Court).

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Fourth Extra Race Meeting, at Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

CONSECRATION OF DEAN WILSON

"I really cannot say whether the

consecration will take place in

England, Hongkong or Singapore,"

said the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson,

Dean of St. John's Cathedral,

Hongkong, and Bishop-Elect of

Singapore, to a Hongkong Daily

Press reporter yesterday.

"The whole matter is in the

hands of His Grace the Arch-

bishop of Canterbury, as is the

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st April, 1941.

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## PICTURES BY CENTRAL MOVIE STUDIO

The picture "A Bird's Eye View

of Tibet," produced by the Central Motion Picture Studio, "portrays the habits and customs of Tibetans as well as their reconstruction activities. The picture, now

showing in Chungking, is the result of two years' extensive travel through the land of the lamas by one of the studio's cameramen, Hsu Su-ling.

Along with the Tibetan film is shown a feature short entitled "The Second Generation." As its title implies, it describes the life of wartime children as China's "masters of tomorrow."

The picture on Tibet is one of the studio's three documentary films on China's border provinces. The other two portray the Mongols before and during the war. The pre-war Mongol picture was taken in January, 1936, by cameraman Chen Chia-mo who travelled through Suyuan and Mongolia while the other one was only recently completed.

Since the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities, the Central Motion Picture Studio, under the directorship of Mr. Lo Hsueh-ien has produced 22 documentary pictures through which may be glimpsed the activities of China in resistance and reconstruction.

### NEW ROAD

Films on China's reconstruction include "10-Thousand-Li New Road," describing the caravan which travelled on the Nanking-Kunming Highway through the provinces of Kiangsu, Kiangsi, Hunan, Kweichow, Yunnan and Szechuan; "Reconstruction in Yunnan" featuring Governor Lung Yun's talk welcoming overseas Chinese investment in Yunnan with the beautiful Yunnan landscape as background and the "Arteries of the Southwest" which record the activities on the main highways of the southwestern provinces.

The fighting in the Shanghai-Wusong sector, accomplishments of China's air force, victory at Talerchwang and the western front of China's resistance are among the themes of the studio's films.

Thirteen newsreels have been turned out since the war. They include the highlights of Chinese military and political developments. Major events featured in the newsreels include the Lukou-chiao Incident, China's "bombing" mission to Japan, Chungking bombings and spiritual mobilisation.

Twelve full-length pictures portraying China's resistance from different angles have been produced by the studio. Among them are "Shedding Blood in a Lone City"—the story of the heroic defence of the city of Paoshan; "Children of China"—unity of the five sections of the Chinese race in wartime; "Ten-Thousand Li in the Air"—achievements of the Chinese air force; "In Time of War"—irrepressibility of Chinese public functionaries; "Foundation for Prosperity"—Chinese co-operatives; "Love of the Fatherland"—patriotism of overseas Chinese; "Modern Muians" — China's wartime womanhood; "Chinese Flag Waves Triumphant"—respect of the Chinese masses for the national flag.

The Central Motion Picture Studio, founded in Nanking in 1934, was the first motion picture concern in China to have taken sound newsreels. By the spring of 1936 it had produced more than 60 newsreels, 243 documentary films and 32 full-length pictures. (C.I.C.)

## DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

There will be a special service

at St. John's Cathedral at 8 a.m.

today, conducted by Bishop Hall,

in connexion with the Diocesan

Conference.

Breakfast will be served at the

Church Hall after the service.

It is hoped that as many mem-

bers of the Conference as pos-

sible will attend both the service

and the breakfast.

## VALLEY TRAINING TIMES

The following times were clocked during the training gallops held at Happy Valley yesterday morning:

Distance	1st Gr.	2nd Gr.	3rd Gr.	4th Gr.	Last Gr.






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Alice Faye, Betty Grable

## COMING EVENTS

## APRIL

24—Tides: High 8:37 a.m. and 8:50 p.m. Low: 1:50 a.m. and 2:20 p.m. Sunrise: 5:57 a.m.; Sunset: 6:47 p.m.

Lecture: Lives of Noted European Musicians. Chinese Y.C.M.A., Kowloon. 7:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting of H.K. Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Queen's Ridge, 12 noon.

Wah Yan College Sports, K.F.C., 1 p.m.

Cheer Club Bridge and Mahjong.

Y.M.C.A. Men's Club, Tsim St., Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.

Christian and Missionary Alliance, Young People's Meeting, 7 p.m.

Meeting of H.K. Philatelic Society, S.C.M. Post Board Room, 5:30 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5:30 p.m.

Diocesan Conference, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Health Movement, Bridge Street.

Entries Close for Macao Jockey Club Race Meeting, noon.

St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.

Y.W.C.A. Thanksgiving Service and Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

25—Tides: High 9:02 a.m. and 9:31 p.m. Low: 2:22 a.m. and 2:37 p.m. Sunrise: 5:58 a.m.; Sunset: 6:47 p.m.

V.A.D.'s revue "Pure And Simple," China Fleet Club Theatre, 9:15 p.m.

Cheer Club Darts and Table Tennis.

Dance for Seafarers, S. & S. Home, 9 p.m.

European Y.M.C.A. Athletic Section Meeting, 6 p.m.

Lecture: Volunteer Nursing Detachment, A.R.P. H.Q.R., Happy Valley, 5:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting of H.K. Anti-T.B. Assn., St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5:15 p.m.

26—Tides: High 9:22 a.m. and 10:11 p.m. Low: 2:53 a.m. and 3:35 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:55 a.m.; Sunset: 6:48 p.m.

Fourth Extra Race Meeting of H.K. Jockey Club, 2 p.m.

V.A.D.'s revue "Pure and Simple," China Fleet Club Theatre.

Boys' and Girls' Club Assn., Annual Sports, Caroline Hill, 3:30 p.m.

Little Flower Club Dance, King's Park, 9 p.m.

27—Tides: High 9:44 a.m. and 10:48 p.m. Low: 2:53 a.m. and 4:56 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:54 a.m.; Sunset: 6:48 p.m.

Benefit Performance for St. Vincent de Paul's Society, "David Copperfield," King's Theatre, 11:30 a.m.

Tsinghua Alumni Dinner-Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Annual Masonic Church Service, Union Church, Kennedy Road, 6 p.m.

28—Tides: High 9:55 a.m. and 11:26 p.m. Low: 3:33 a.m. and 4:56 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:53 a.m.; Sunset: 6:48 p.m.

Annual Meeting of Children's Play-

ground Assn., Registrar's Office, Su-

preme Court, 5:15 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D. Office, 3 p.m.

29—Tides: High 10:21 a.m. Low:

4:21 a.m. and 5:37 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:53 a.m.; Sunset: 6:49 p.m.

Claims against Estate of late Mr.

W. A. W. Dawn due.

30—Tides: High 12:08 p.m. and

10:48 p.m. Low: 4:44 a.m. and 6:17 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:52 a.m.; Sunset: 6:49 p.m.

Annual Mtg. of Macao Electric

Lighting Co., Ltd., Offices of Messrs.

Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, 11:30 a.m.

H.K. Engineering and Construction

Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, Offices of

Messrs. Sir Fly Kadoorie and Sons

noon.

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WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (Reuter)

The United States Military and

Air Observer, Colonel Gerald Brow-

er, has been killed in Egypt.

8:15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

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8:02 Operatic Duets.

"Die Meistersinger"—Sachs and Eva

Duets (Wagner); See, Ev'chen! Where,

methought, can she be? A shoemaker's

life is eye full of care—Elizabeth

Rethberg (Soprano) and Friedrich

Schorr (Baritone) with Orch. "Aida" (Verdi); Heaven! My Father!—Duso-

lina Giannini and Giovanni Inghilleri

(Soprano and Baritone) with Orch.

8:15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

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7:00 London Relay—The News.

7:15 London Relay—Talk: "Meet

Uncle Sam."

7:30 Schumann—Concerto in D

Minor.

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and The

Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of

New York conducted by John Barbi-

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8:00 Local Time Signal and An-

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## Proposals For Debate Depreciated By Premier

### Position Of Iraq And Spain Alluded To By Member

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter) — Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, had little to say, "at the present juncture," when he was invited in the House of Commons yesterday upon the resumption of Parliament after the Easter recess, to make a statement about the war position.

The Prime Minister pointed out that operations of many kinds were going on, "and we have others to think of besides ourselves." He deprecated any proposal for a debate at present and hoped that the House would again show forbearance to those who were charged with the conduct of the war and would display to the world those qualities of poise and steadiness which had been its characteristics on so many difficult and anxious occasions.

The only piece of news Mr. Churchill had was about Monday's position in Iraq and Spain.

Mr. Churchill said that it was one for debate on foreign affairs, but that to have a statement on Mr. Eden's tour at the present moment would not be convenient for the House or public interest.

Sir Archibald Southby asked for a statement on Libya "because the people are getting exercised in mind and a statement would reassure them."

Mr. Churchill replied that unlike the situation in Greece, we were very accurately informed about what was occurring in Libya.

At this point, a Member interjected: "Greece is much more important."

#### NO COMPARISONS

There was some dissent and the Premier continued: "I don't think we should embark on comparisons among the different classes of dangerous duties undertaken by His Majesty's forces." (Cheers.)

He did not, however, think that any statement about Libya would be appropriate now or for a little time to come.

The Labour Member, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, suggested a statement in secret "to remove some uneasiness which exists."

Mr. Churchill flatly disagreed that there was any public uneasiness. "The public are showing all those qualities of stability and phlegm when things are not going well which have made what we are and have carried us thus far on our journey."

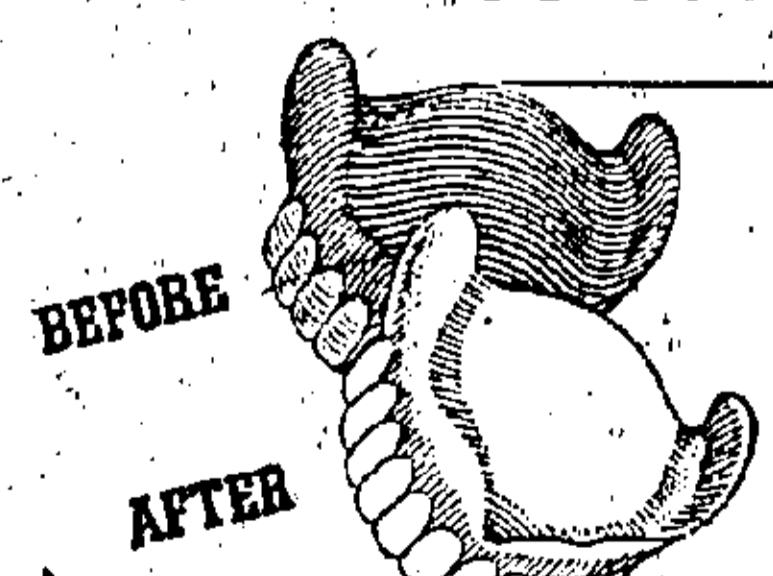
## BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter) — "The British Empire Medal" has been instituted as a military and civil award by the amendment of the statutes of the British Empire, promulgated in the London Gazette last night.

The medal will be of silver, bearing on the obverse a representation of Britannia and the motto of the Order, with the words "For Meritorious Service." On the reverse are the Royal and Imperial cypher, and the words "Instituted by King George V."

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## NOTICE.

The time of departure between Kowloon and Tai Po Stations of the 1.13 p.m. train as shown on the Public Timetable is hereby amended as follows:

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Yau Ma Tei dep. 1.30 p.m.  
Shatin dep. 1.42 p.m.  
Tai Po dep. 1.55 p.m.

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Applications should be sent to reach the Director of Public Works not later than noon on Monday, 28th April, 1941.

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## NOTICE.

Margaret Jane Russell, Deceased: All persons having claims against the estate of the late Miss Margaret Jane Russell who died on the 18th April, 1941, are requested to send full particulars thereof forthwith to Messrs. Deacons, Solicitors, of No. 1, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong.

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CHINA LIGHT &amp; POWER CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF CALL OF \$1.00 PER SHARE ON 1941-ISSUE SHARES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors have made a call of \$1.00 per share upon all the members holding shares of the 1941 Issue allotted on 24th January, 1941, upon which only \$1.00 per share has been paid, and that the same will be payable to the Bankers of the Company, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong, on the 30th day of September, 1941.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN V. BRAGA,  
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1941.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LTD.

The Fifty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held in the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Wednesday, the 7th May, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 2nd May to Wednesday, the 7th May, 1941 both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK &amp; CO. General Managers.

Hong Kong, 24th April, 1941.

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THE HONG KONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

Notice is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the office of the Company, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 24th April, 1941, at noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and re-electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th April to 24th April 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

H. DA LUZ,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th April, 1941.

## MR. MATSUOKA'S JIG-SAW

MR. MATSUOKA, the Japanese Foreign Minister, is back in Tokyo. Mr. Matsuoka made a statement—a formal statement—on the jigsaw puzzle which he brought back with him. This statement was expected to provide the world with a key to the solution of the meaning of the word "neutrality" in the intricate document which he had in his pocket. If so, Mr. Matsuoka's formal statement fell very short of its object—it has neither impressed the world, nor has it shown in what sense the new pact is "a reinforcement of the Tripartite Pact." Mr. Matsuoka declares that it is, but he has not yet taken the trouble to explain how the sworn enemies of Communism expect to reinforce their own Totalitarian ideas and appease their gods of Nazism and Fascism by coming to a so-called working agreement with a Communistic state, which continues to blandly assist at least one country—China—which is stoutly opposing Totalitarian ambitions.

MR. MATSUOKA's omission on these important aspects of this jigsaw neutrality only fitted in with the omissions in the published text of the new pact, but it must be remembered that Mr. Matsuoka, who prides himself for his ability to believe only what he saw, may have other important details to add to his report to his Government—that is, of course, if he really believed what he saw or was allowed to see in Europe. If Mr. Matsuoka did not believe what he saw—the effects of the devastating R.A.F. raids on the German capital and other parts of the Reich, the defeat of the Italian Fleet in the Mediterranean and the hostility of the Balkans towards Herr Hitler's "New Order" then, in truth, it can be said of him that "he went, he saw and he was conquered!" He will realise too

## POLICE CHIEF MAKES NO RASH PROMISES

## MR. PENNEFATHER-EVANS ASKS FOR TIME, CO-OPERATION

BY A STAFF REPORTER

"I only ask two things of the public—time and co-operation," said the HON. MR. J. P. PENNEFATHER-EVANS, Commissioner of Police, in the course of an interview with a Hongkong Daily Press reporter yesterday.

"I know," went on Mr. Pennefather-Evans, "that the public will be disappointed if I do not do, within the next two or three months, what it expects me to do. They think of me as a new broom and expect me to work miracles.

"But they must give me time—time to familiarise myself with the people of Hongkong, the conditions here, and to know the members of my force.

"I am not making any rash promises," continued the Commissioner of Police. "In fact, I am not making any promises at all until I have had time to study things more closely. But I do not see why, with the co-operation of the public, we cannot eradicate the evil practices here."

Asked how he expected the public to co-operate with the Police, Mr. Pennefather-Evans replied, "No Police force can do anything without the co-operation of the public. The people themselves form the best Police force.

"On my part, I promise to see that my source of information is not compromised in any way."

Referring to the gambling evil—such as 'ts-e-fa' and 'open air' dice games—the Commissioner of Police said, "I feel confident that the Head of the Anti-Gambling Squad will eradicate all gambling, including street dice games."

"Before I can start to move," concluded Mr. Pennefather-Evans, "I must have the complete confidence of the public as well as of my officers."

that not only has he allowed himself to be conquered, but that he has also placed his whole country at the mercy of the bully of Berlin.

## WAKE UP, H.K.

IN PURLOINING this title for our comments from an evening contemporary, we do so for a different purpose—that of calling the attention of the public and the Government of this Colony again to the deplorable social problems that prevail here and which we dealt with in these columns yesterday as far as these problems were affected by wage rates and the high cost of living. By an appropriate coincidence, our remarks were supported by the Dean of St. John's Cathedral, the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, when he addressed the annual meeting of the Social Service Centre of the Churches on Tuesday. The Dean deplored the tendency of the public to remain disinterested in the problems that affect the well-being of the population. We have deplored this too in previous comments on the subject, but so long as leaders of the communities domiciled here lack the spirit to come forward and take a realistic view of the situation and to strengthen the ranks of the few who have been struggling to bring about an improvement in conditions here, the initiative must come from the Government.

NO ONE today is insisting on the distribution of charity or largesse either from the Government or the public, what that part of the population to which the Dean referred want is that they should be given some sort of protection, from dishonesty, fraud, and swindling by those who prey on this section of the people. If they get this protection they will be in a position more readily to respond to the call which our evening contemporary has made on their loyalty to the cause for which the whole British Commonwealth is struggling today. There are many ways in which the Government can take the lead in giving these people protection and help. There is the matter of compulsory health insurance which could be introduced to alleviate present conditions under which the working classes are living. This scheme has already proved most beneficial in other parts of the Empire. Why not here? Truly, Hong Kong needs waking up.

## INQUIRY REPORT

No information could be obtained from official sources yesterday as to when the findings of the Commission of Inquiry, which sat during last month to inquire into the workings of the Immigration Office, will be released for public information.

## SHANGHAI PARTY OFFICIAL

Mr. Wu Shao-shu, executive member of the Shanghai Municipal Kuomintang Headquarters, who arrived here recently, is leaving shortly for Chungking by air to report to the Central Authorities on the conditions in Shanghai.

Mr. Wu said that both the Chinese and the foreign communists in Shanghai felt very much dissatisfied with Soviet Russia for the conclusion of the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact, but all believed that it would not adversely affect China's war of resistance nor would it result in diminishing Soviet aid to China. (Central News).

## SPLENDID DANCE RECITAL

A splendid dance recital was given by the George Goncharoff School of Dance yesterday afternoon at the Helena May Institute, 16 per cent. of the proceeds being for the SCMP War Fund. About 200 people attended the display.

The programme was as follows:

"Overture" by Madame H. Ebelle, Sgt. A. Alsey and Lt. L. Edge; "Pas D'Ensemble" by Claire Van Wylick, Françoise Ebelle, Ghislaine Ubags, Janet Perry, Irene Zindel, Priscilla Fung, Cecilia Chu, Marion Shin and Barbara Tam; Variation by Claire Van Wylick; "Tiny Tots" by P. Tsang, C. Lo and R. Ito; "Polka" by Cecilia Chu and Marion Shin; "Pas De Trolls" by June Summers, Barbara Tam and Priscilla Fung; "The Dream" by Janet Perry and Irene Zindel; "Dutch Dance" by Janine Ubags and Ghislaine Ubags; "The Little Shepherd" by Françoise Ebelle; "Russian Dance" by Claire Van Wylick; "Prelude No. 7" by Ann Mansfield; "Tango" by Lara Tesar and Hugh Goldie; "Czardas" by Pat Pasco; "Poème" by Peggy Scotcher and Hugh Goldie; "Waltz" by Mrs. Ernest To; "Czardas" and "Estrelleta" by Sgt. A. Alsey (Violin); "Pas De Cling" by Peggy Scotcher, Pat Pasco, Lara Tesar and Ann Mansfield and Hugh Goldie.

## THANKS EXPRESSED

Thanks are due to the Secretary Helena May, Mrs. H. Ebelle, Mrs. L. Kadorie, Miss W. Barker, programme sellers and the Press of the Colony.

## EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Young Salesman Sent To Prison

A strong plea in mitigation, in which counsel for the defence said that the accused may have been a fool or worse but did not deserve to be branded as a criminal, was made by Mr. H. W. Lee, before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

The case was that in which WONG KIU-FU, alias Wong Kun-but, 35, salesman, was charged on four counts of embezzlement and falsification of accounts.

Mr. Lee was instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada, Remedios, while the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Juror, instructed by Mr. P. Y. Woo, was for the prosecution.

Accused pleaded guilty to the fourth count of embezzling the sum of \$3,780.02 between Dec. 29, 1939, and Jan. 2, 1940. This plea was accepted by the prosecution.

The defendant was employed by Chan Shu-wai and others carrying on business as the Wing Shun firm.

The following day returned formal verdicts of Not Guilty on the first three counts:—Messrs. W. F. Simmonds (Foreman), Yue Der-yea, Ma Wal-jun, Wong Shun-tak, A. P. Tarbuck, Sydney Wong and Wong Sun-yea.

## DEFENCE PLEA

In his plea, Mr. Lee said that he did not wish to disguise the fact that his client had been guilty of a grievous breach of duty. It may have been due to the excessive confidence placed on him too suddenly that proved his downfall. Accused thought he could make money by exchange speculation where many a better man had failed.

Mr. Lee said accused was immediately taken back after an interview with the managing partner. Up to date he had paid back \$4,000 in restitution.

In passing sentence of six months' hard labour, his Lordship said that the strongest argument put forward by Counsel for the defence was that accused was re-engaged.

## EXHIBITION OF AMATEUR FILMS

The second exhibition of amateur films, opened to the public, and sponsored by the Hongkong Amateur Cinema Club, was given at the European Y.M.C.A., last night when films, taken by Mr. A. L. Powell, were shown to a large and appreciative audience.

Among the pictures were "Hongkong," "Evacuation in Hongkong," "The Health and Beauty League," "Royal Tour to Canada," and "England in Colours."

Part of the proceeds (80 per cent.) will be donated to the Bomber Fund.

## MR. VERNON BARTLETT SAYS

## REAR-GUARD ACTIONS ARE NECESSARY UNTIL U.S. SUPPLIES ARRIVE

"In my talk last week, I emphasised how, until American supplies come along in greater quantities, we must look upon ourselves as fighting rear-guard actions," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, the eminent M.P. Journalist, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the situation in the Mediterranean and analysed the aims of the German plan.

Mr. Bartlett declared that they would have in the meantime to fight the enemy to prevent him capturing vital points and so delay his plans and above all they had to keep the main channel between the arsenals of democracy and those countries which were fighting against aggression clear.

## GIBRALTAR'S IMPORTANCE

"I don't want to underestimate the importance of the Mediterranean," continued Mr. Bartlett, "but just now, when everyone is talking about the Suez Canal, we must remember that the Suez Canal loses its importance unless we can hold Gibraltar. It would be a considerable disaster, but by no means the ultimate disaster, if Herr Hitler was to succeed in his present plans to push Britain out of the Mediterranean altogether."

## MORE IMPORTANT

"Regarding the two-fold attack on Gibraltar, the whole of this will depend on Vichy and the Government of Madrid. They are being told by the Nazis that they must now come into the war or, at least, that they must let thousands of German troops pass through Southern France and Spain. I am not sure that this attack, still in the diplomatic stage, won't prove to be more important even than an attack on the Suez Canal."

"Lastly," there comes the effort to persuade the Japanese that their turn too has come. If our difficulties in the East and the Mediterranean increase, the Tokyo Government might decide that the time is ripe to strike, as the Italians did. But the Japanese must decide for themselves whether to risk following Italy's example.

"I am aware that all this must sound a little unreal," continued Mr. Bartlett, "but it is difficult to keep the long-term issue before one's eyes always."

## FROM THE SHOULDER

"I am also a little bewildered to read of pessimism in the United States and if there are any Americans listening to me, I must ask you to forgive me for saying one or two things straight from the shoulder. There was the same pessimism a year ago. It was to an extent justified then."

"We have shown since then what we have been able to do. There is the defeat of the Italian army which was bigger than ours and then we showed them what we could do by going to the assistance of the Greeks."

"We know that we must lose nearly every battle until you enable us to win the last one. We don't enjoy being bombed and seeing our people suffer and we are asking you for nothing but the tools to finish the job in a war in which the enemy has shown a brutality which, I am sure, must have disgusted everyone of you."

"We are bruised and battered, but far from beaten and we are astonished to read of depression amongst the people who have given us in the past so many signs of proved friendship."

## SHANGHAI LAND REGULATIONS

The "Provisional Shanghai Municipal Council" may make a drastic revision of the Shanghai Land Regulations whereby the election of councillors and the ratepayers' association will be abolished, says a Shanghai report.

Revision is said to be now under the consideration of the "Provisional S.M.C."

As soon as a decision is made, the Shanghai Ratepayers' Association will be convened for the last time to ratify the change, which, if effected, will be the most drastic since the agreement between the Chinese authorities and the British Consul on the Land Regulations in 1940. (Central News).

HONGKONG, APRIL 24, 1941.

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## BRITAIN SPEAKS: NEED FOR SPEED: LESSON WHICH WAR HAS TAUGHT: POWER OF MOVEMENT

"We are trying to tell you that at least we have learned a lesson of this war. We have learned that speed is vital—speed to move, speed to fight, speed to manoeuvre," said MR. FRANK OWEN, the well-known journalist and Editor of the LONDON EVENING STANDARD, in the course of a broadcast talk on the determination with which Britain is prosecuting this war.

Mr. Owen, who has won a name for himself by reason of his outspoken and vigorous articles, addressed his comments on Sunday last to the United States, and a recording was relayed from London on Tuesday.

## UNIVERSAL MISFORTUNE

"Today is Herr Hitler's birthday," began Mr. Owen. "To mark this universal misfortune he sent another large air force to bomb the heart of London. This was the second visitation, and tonight there may be a third—a third night of fire and destruction."

Mr. Owen described how he had walked, among the streets of London after the raid and seen twisted beams and shattered walls, while rescue workers tried to remove bodies from ruins and buildings were being blown down for safety.

"London is not crying out against this celebration of the barbarian's birthday," continued Mr. Owen. "It was the most devilish assault that has been loosed upon the world, but it is no worse than the machine-gunning of helpless refugees, women and children and old men. It is not even as bad as the cold-blooded murder and mutilation of the Polish people of yesterday and perhaps of the Yugoslav people of tomorrow."

## PART OF NAZI PLAN

"All these things are a vital part of Herr Hitler's total war and the Nazi programme of brutality and terror. We, in Britain, understood that and we expected it when we went to war to stop Herr Hitler. So it is that here, tonight this great civilian garrison does not complain. They have the power not only to take it but to give it, and we hope, and intend, to send back to the bully of Europe many, many happy returns of what he has handed to us."

"All these come naturally, of course, to the brute Berlin. Just now the principal Nazi assassin is enjoying a celebration. He has been able to fight down one more nation which had the courage to stand up to him—a nation which had the courage to throw out their own treacherous rulers who tried to sell them. Yugoslavia has been drowned in blood—Belgrade has been massacred."

"It was too late for them to provide a defence. The wretched government of Prince Paul refused to allow military staff talks between the Yugoslav high command and those of the Turks, the Greeks and the British. And behind the Nazi tanks marched the Hungarians and the Bulgarians whom the Yugoslavs had always thrashed when they met in battle."

## MASSEDLY SUPERIOR

"Today the full weight of the German army in the Balkans is pressing on the Allied front. The enemy are so massedly superior that we are facing hard and bitter days, and perhaps even harder

## HITLER TURNS LARDER

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everywhere who love to see the torch of freedom held high," said Mr. Lakin.

## AID TO GREECE

Greece could not be left to fight alone. Britain and the Empire had to give aid. That policy was fully endorsed by Mr. R. G. Menzies and Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand, respectively. Mr. Fraser had said: "These Anzacs are laying the foundation for a sweeping victory."

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JAPANESE CANARD  
IS DENIED

CHUNGKING, Apr. 23 (Central)—Japanese reports from Tokyo alleging the conclusion of a military and naval pact by Britain, China, the United States, India, Australia and the Netherlands East Indies to strengthen Far East defences and oppose Japan's southward advance are officially denied in Chungking.

## NAZI FIRE BLITZ ON PLYMOUTH

### Lord Chatfield Tour Devastated Areas

PLYMOUTH, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield watched from Government House a fire blitz on Plymouth on Monday night and yesterday he toured the newly devastated areas.

Guest of the C-in-C, Lord Chatfield kept himself informed of the raid during its progress and on methods to meet the attack.

He was on a visit here to consult about awarding medals to civilian raid heroes in earlier air raids.

Undismayed, the townfolk yesterday settled down to the task once more of cleaning up the city. This time many bombs fell across the roadways. They caused little damage but inconvenienced traffic. There was plenty of work for demolition and repair parties.

On the corner of what was once one of the proudest of Plymouth's thoroughfares, a man gazed with saddened eyes at the remains of a temporary building in which his staff was housed since the firm lost its entire premises and stock when the street "was gutted" in recent raids.

Promising to build his business to its former pinnacle of "prestige and integrity," he added: "Our staff shall not be workless."

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## ROMAN STOOGE

Mr. Owen turned to the developments in Africa. He described how the Italian threat to Egypt and the Suez Canal had been destroyed, and declared that the only Italian army that existed now was in 200,000 prisoners in General Wavell's concentration camps.

"But, Herr Hitler cannot afford to be without his stooge in Rome," continued Mr. Owen. "And the Germans had to be sent to do the work which the Italians had funk doing. They have now advanced up to Egypt, but the British army has not been destroyed. The Nazis cannot dominate it, but they can interfere and they can make a nuisance of themselves, and they can only be expelled by more British tanks."

"Please don't think that we in Britain are under the illusion that all is well with us," declared Mr. Owen. "Here I am talking to you just as Big Ben is striking half-past two. In six hours' time I shall be at my desk with my sub-editors preparing the news. There are very few people left in Britain who think that it is best to break news gently when bad news comes. The bursting bombs break it anything but gentle. Therefore, while there has not been a single complaint against any new income tax, this last week of merciless bombing has brought forth no cries for peace, but only calls for a greater war effort."

## LESSON OF THE WAR

"We insist that you in America shall know us too. You are our friends and we are in trouble. I speak to you as a private citizen and not as a member of any party or Government. We are calling to you now—we are calling for help, as friends have the right to call, expecting you to answer quickly."

"We are trying to tell you that at last we have learned the lesson of this war. We have learned that speed is vital—speed to move, speed to fight, speed to manoeuvre. You will realise the necessity for this speed for you have seen what has happened. Ten days saw a nation in the Balkans die—ten days for Yugoslavia, five days for Holland, forty days for France."

"What planes and guns can we expect from you tomorrow? What ships can you give us today—this is the only answer you can make to help people who have been struggling to resist the destruction of all they hold dear."

"Hurry, hurry, American friends—waste not a day nor a night nor an hour, for Herr Hitler, too, is racing against the clock, and the fate of your world, as well as ours, hangs on the minute hand."

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## BROADCAST MESSAGE BY MR. MENZIES

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everything that can be done is being done and great losses are being inflicted upon the enemy.

"I am sorry to see some complaint made that the Australian Advisory Council was not consulted regarding Greece. The reason is that the Greek expedition represented a major decision in war strategy and of the highest possible order of secrecy. So much was this so that discussions in London were confined to the War Cabinet and did not extend to the Ministers generally.

## ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY

"In all circumstances it was not felt that information regarding these matters could be given to anybody in Australia who is not a Cabinet Minister. for the Cabinet Ministers alone have accepted responsibility for the decision."

"In the face of the present situation and the imperative necessity of a completely united national effort, I once more call upon all parties to close ranks and form a truly national war administration."

"The Australian Government is always consulted fully before any new theatre of war is entered by Australian forces and more widely representative that the Government can be of all political interests in Australia and the more effective will be the consultations and decisions."

"We must recognise that the Empire is at the greatest crisis of its history."

"We can and shall get through if we all pull hard and pull together. But political debates, while the tempest rages, cannot help us."

"The momentous question of whether we should go to Greece was discussed at the first War Cabinet I attended in London," declared Mr. Menzies.

He continued: "It was a subject of extensive communications between the Governments of the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, and so far as I was concerned, between myself and my colleagues in Australia. Anxious consideration was given to every aspect of the matter. Every question that could properly be raised was raised, examined and debated."

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## VICHY, MADRID EXPOSED TO FULL BLAST OF GERMAN PROPAGANDA

London, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—There has been a remarkable resurgence of Germany's diplomatic offensive in the past few days which suggests that she is trying to cash in as quickly as possible on her successes in the Balkans and Libya, writes Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

It is all part of the war of the Axis and to allow the passage of German troops to assault Gibraltar. The Germans apparently feel that the time has come to make a big effort to close this gap between the East and the West end of the Mediterranean and to establish air and submarine bases on the Cape and South America.

It is more or less the same story, although the German plans seem to have taken more concrete shape in the West where both Vichy and Madrid are being exposed to the full blast of German propaganda.

The German ambassadors to Moscow and Ankara have been summoned to Berlin so that until they return to their posts, German pressure may not be fully exerted.

In Vichy, however, there is reason to believe that Hitler thinks that the time has come to put the cards on the table. Reports received from various channels concur in the outline of concessions offered to France but are more reticent as to German demands in exchange for these concessions, which would include reduced payment of expenses for German troops of occupation, the release of a quarter of the total number of French prisoners of war, and rectification of the frontier between Occupied and Unoccupied France.

MEDITERRANEAN BASES

But there is nothing definite as to the other side of the picture, except of rumours of the right of passage of troops to Spain. It is obvious, however, that Germany's chief concern is still the French Fleet and French naval bases in the Mediterranean, and these questions in one shape or other must underline any deal between Herr Abetz, the German Ambassador in Paris, and Admiral Darlan, who is reported to be going to Paris once again.

This statement is untrue as the major part of the party embarked safely and returned to their bases, but about 60 of its members are missing.

Madrid, according to these same channels of German inspiration, is being once again pressed to join

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## Refugees In The Colony

An increase of 170 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps etc. in urban and rural areas, is recorded in the Government Returns for the week ending on April 19.

Urban Areas on April 12: King's Park 1,299 against 1,302; Mt. Tau Chung 1,718 against 1,639; North Point 1,519 against 1,520; Morrison Hill 517 against 513.

Urban Areas (Squatters' Camps) on April 12: Tai Hang 2,557 against 2,557; Ngau Tau Kok 801 against 801.

Rural Areas on April 12: Kam Tin 2,234 against 2,144; Fanling Children's Camp 328 against 327. Total: 10,973 against 10,803 on April 12.

## PRINCESS'S THANKS

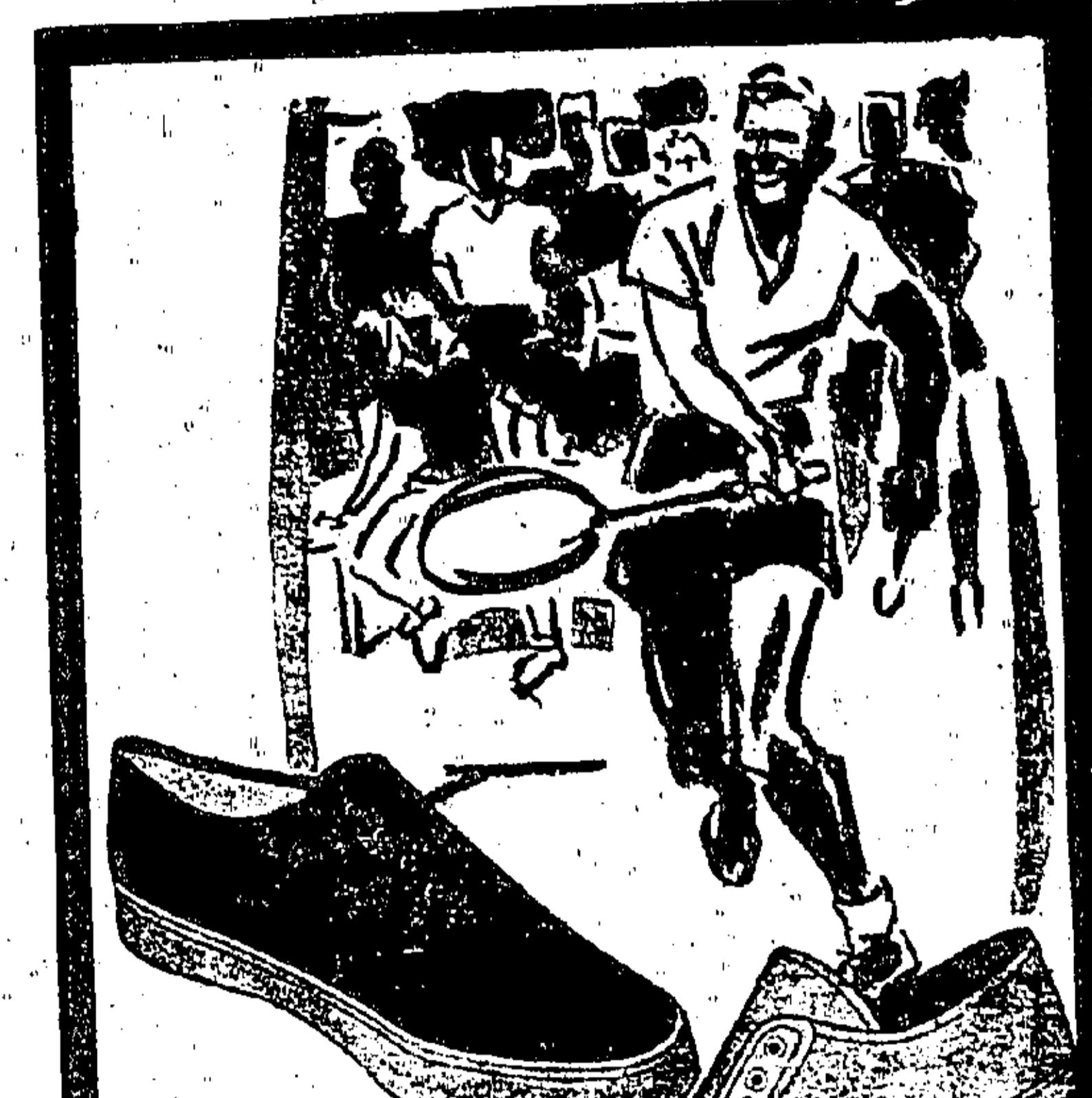
The following telegram was received by the Governor of Hong Kong from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, dated April 22, 1941:

Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth asks me to request you to convey to the people of Hong Kong her sincere thanks for their kind message on the occasion of her birthday.

## MR. P. CRESSALL

According to official quarters there has been no change in the date of arrival of Mr. P. E. Cressall, M.C., the Pulse Judge-delegate, who is due in Hong Kong on Saturday.

Mr. Cressall was formerly President of the District Court, Jaffa,



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## A.R.P. ORDERS

APRIL 23, 1941

A.R.P. Orders by Wing-Commander  
A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director  
of Anti Raid Precautions.

## MOBILISATION

All members of the Corps mobilised  
for duty during the Blackout Exercises  
on April 17, are placed on leave with-  
out pay as from April 18, with the  
exception of those Wardens whose  
services have been retained for special  
employment.

## EQUIPMENT

All torches and dry cells must be  
returned to Headquarters as soon as  
possible.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Members of the Corps are again re-  
minded that all correspondence re-  
garding leave, change of a dress, re-  
signations, etc., must be addressed to  
District and/or Divisional Wardens  
and not direct to A.R.P. Headquarters.  
Letters received at this office, except  
through the proper channels, will not  
receive attention.

## STRENGTH-DECREASE

The following Wardens have been  
permitted to resign—

Shamshui-poo—1667 Chan Wan-chun,  
Eastern—1617 Ho Ki-tu, Taipo Market—  
2381 Chung Chik-ku, 2389 Dep.  
S/W Li Chi-choy, 2712 Cheung Chak-  
man, 2712 Cheung Chai-yan, Gough  
Hill—1510 A. Crawford, Western—  
1192 Mrs. Chin King-fou, 3243 Ng  
Pun-yan.

Dismissals.—The following are dis-  
missed on being convicted by the  
civil powers of demanding money  
with menaces—2378 S/W Wong Kai-  
ming (alias Wong Choi) and 2715 Lau  
Man-wa (alias Lau Yuen) of Taipo  
Market.

Struck off strength—440 Chu On  
(G.H.).

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The following Wardens are attached to  
Divisions hereunder—

Mongkok—Dep. G/W 1100 Shum  
Kin-chung (W) to 6 Tung Choi St.,  
2nd floor, 1875. Miss Chan San-yung  
(B.V.) to 854 Fa Yuen St., 2nd floor  
Central—898 Wong Lum (U.L.) to 55  
Hollywood Rd., 3rd floor, S/W 1999  
Cheung To-ning (S.E. Po) to 24  
Queen's Road West, ground floor.  
Upper Levels—2994 Miss Lai Yuet-  
ting (G.V.) to Mui Fong College, Ro-  
binson Road, Tsimshatsui—393 Ho  
Moon-fai (C) to 38 Canton Rd.,  
ground floor. Shamshui-poo—481 Ho  
Wai (W) to 481 Um Chau St., 1st fl.

Note.—Correspondence for District  
Warden J. E. Norrington, Mongkok, should  
be sent to Samerinda Conl and

## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

## AT CENTRAL

## MENACES ALLEGED

Hearing of the case in which Li  
Kwong, 34, cook, and Fung Chiu,  
27, messenger, are charged with  
counts of demanding the sum of  
\$500 with menaces from Lau  
Chuen, assistant manager of the  
Tung Tak Import and Export  
Firm, Wing Wo Street, between  
Mar. 14 and 17, and intimidating  
Lau, who began before Mr. Lowry  
yesterday.

Sgt. Russell, of the Special  
Branch, said that he visited the  
premises of defendant's company  
on Mar. 29, and defendant  
straightforwardly produced the  
codes, which he was enquiring  
about.

Defendant said that the codes  
were used to transfer money.  
Stating that he was not pressing  
for the case, Sgt. Russell  
added that it was only a technical  
offence on the part of defendant  
for failing to register the  
codes.

## CANTEEN BOY FINED

Leung Kwei, 35, canteen boy,  
was fined \$50 or three weeks'  
hard labour by Mr. Sheldon  
yesterday when he pleaded guilty to  
a charge of stealing four tins of  
cocoa from the cook house of  
Wellington Barracks on Apr. 4.

Sgt. W. S. Dall said that defendant  
was arrested carrying a basket  
containing the articles at  
5.30 a.m. on Tuesday in the  
street by a district watchman.

Defendant was represented by  
Mr. C. Y. Kwan.

## CHOPPER ASSAULT SEQUEL

Young Siu-hung, 40, laundry  
man, was charged before Mr. Sheldon  
yesterday with having unlawfully  
assaulted Wong Chung-chuen,  
31, printer, with a chopper,  
causing him grievous bodily harm,  
at No. 68, Johnston Road, second  
floor, on Apr. 22.

Defendant was remanded for a  
week and was allowed bail of \$50.  
Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison is in  
charge of the case.

Trading Co., Ltd., 4th floor, Pedder  
Building.

## PROMOTIONS

The following promotions are noti-  
fied with effect from April 23.

Upper Levels—To be Group War-  
den—3092 A. Odell. To be Secnd.  
Warden—3210 Wan Siu-kwong, 3216  
Wong Kang-chau. To be Deputy  
Warden—3215 Tang Kam-po,  
3309 Tang Shun-ko.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Central—Dep. District Warden, B.  
Godkin is granted six weeks' leave of  
absence as from April 30.

## INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES

Wardens' Classes in Chinese—  
Syllabus "A"

C329 A.R.P. School, Happy Valley  
Wednesdays and Fridays at 5.30 p.m.  
commencing on April 23. Lecturer—  
Mr. Chai Tai-kwong, L.A.R.P.S.; C330  
A.R.P. School, Happy Valley, Tuesdays  
and Fridays at 7.30 p.m. commencing  
on April 23. Lecturer—Wan Kam-fan,  
L.A.R.P.S.

## PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION

An incendiary bomb demonstration  
for Chinese candidates attending  
classes at Quarry Bay and Shaukiwan  
will be held at the Takkoo Sugar  
Refinery Chinese Free School, Quarry  
Bay, on Thursday, April 23 at 8 p.m.  
Members of the public are invited to  
attend.

## MEETINGS

Shamshui-poo—There will be a meet-  
ing of District and Deputy District  
Wardens in the Yee Kuk Street Dis-  
pensary on Thursday, April 24, at  
19.00 hours.

There will be no attestation meet-  
ings next week.

## STRENGTH-INCREASE

The following qualified as Wardens  
and are posted to Divisions as here-  
under—

Central—197 Chan Cho-kwong, 287  
Chan Hon-tong, 3711 Chan Man-wai,  
3772 Miss Cheng Kwoi-ying, 3773  
Fung Shu-kwong, 3775 Miss Ho Sau-  
king, 3776 Lam Yip-hung, 3777 Lau  
Cheung-but, 3784 Lee Pui-sun, 3781  
Leung Yan-shan, 3782 Mak Wan, 3783  
So Nat-ting, 3784 J. To, 3785 Tse Hin-  
pong, 3786 Wong Ho-ching, 3787 Wong  
Wing-hong, 3788 Yeung Chiu-wai,  
3789 Yeung Choy-man, 3790 Yu  
Chung-pak.

Western—3734 Au Kwong-chung,  
1817 Chan Kwok-ching, 736 Chan  
Sheung-ying, 1365 Fan Meng-huang,  
3195 Ho Yiu-ki, 3718 Tong Yiu-  
ching, 3713 Wan Kai-heung.

Upper Levels—3736 Chan Kiu, 3737  
Lam Chuen-huen, 3739 So Shim, 3740  
Go Wan-fai, 3791 Ng Tsoi-hing, 3792  
Cheng Wal-hee, 3753 Ng Cheuk-yu.

Western—1677 Lam Yau-kwan.  
The following qualified as an A.R.P.  
Telephonist and is posted to A.R.P.  
Headquarters—3320 (T) A. A. Olacs.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

At an examination held recently  
Mr. Ho Tze-kwan qualified as an  
A.R.P. Warden but is not available  
for A.R.P. Service.

(Sgt.) B. H. PUCKLE,  
Deputy Director of A.R.P.

FUKIEN RELIEF WORK  
REVIEWED

War refugee relief in Fukien since the inception of the current  
Sino-Japanese hostilities was reviewed by Mr. Wang Kwei-sheng,  
chief of the Fukien office of the National Relief Commission, in an  
interview with CENTRAL NEWS.

The relief work, Mr. Wang said, is in the charge of the Fukien  
Provincial Relief Commission with financial and technical assistance  
from the National Relief Commission. Headed by General Chen Yi,  
Governor of Fukien, the Commission has under its control the  
Refugees' Productive Enterprises Administration, itinerant medical units  
in various districts, refugee camps, homes for refugee children and  
offices for the extension of small loans to refugees.

From January, 1939, to December, 1940, the Commission appropri-  
ated a total of \$1,917,540 relief funds.

Of the amount \$519,857 came from  
the National Relief Commission and \$223,820 represented overseas  
Chinese donations, the rest being allocated from the provincial  
treasury.

The Commission has instituted  
over 800 refugee camps in different  
areas which accommodated a total  
of 108,186 refugees. From the start  
of the hostilities in 1937 up to the  
end of last year, the Commission  
spent a total of \$147,291 on these  
refugee camps. In addition, it also  
appropriated \$79,628 for relief of  
air raid victims in the province.

The Commission has removed  
1,600 families, totalling 8,500 persons  
to 11 districts to do reclama-  
tion work. It is estimated that  
2,845,439 mow of uncultivated land  
has been allocated to these refugees,  
each receiving between 10 and 15 mow and 114,652 mow is  
now already under reclamation.

FIVE FACTORIES

In addition, the Commission has  
also established five factories  
where refugees may work and earn  
a living. A sixth one, a tobacco  
factory, is under preparation. The  
authorities are also paying  
close attention to productive relief  
in the provinces and are enlisting  
the support of the Fukienese in  
Hongkong and elsewhere.

Another project receiving the  
authorities' attention is the relief  
of numerous fishermen forced out  
of their jobs by Japanese naval  
activities along the Fukien coast.

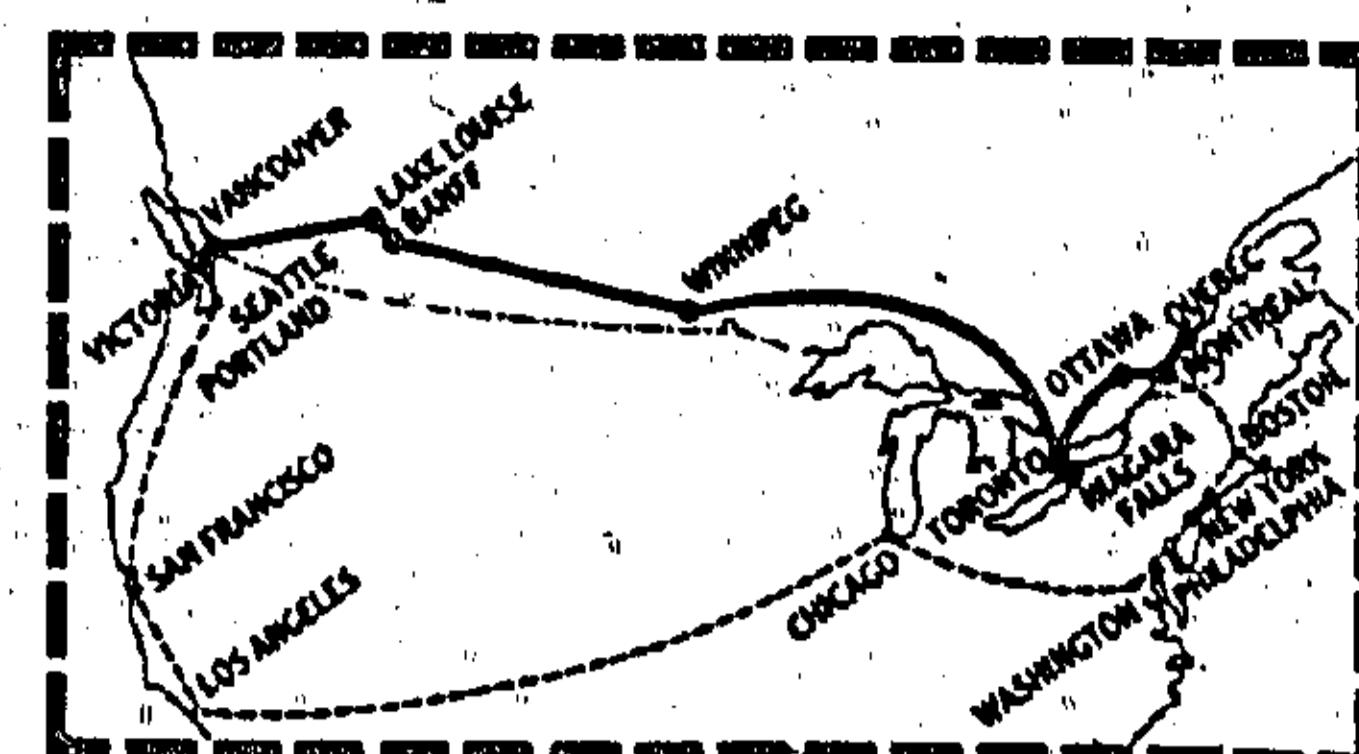
It is understood that the Fukien  
provincial authorities will shortly  
allocate \$800,000 for loans to these  
fishermen.

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Mr. Li Chi-an, member of the  
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## Canadian Agriculture: Urgency Of Problems Unites Farmers

Canada's farm problem has been placed squarely on the Government's doorstep in Ottawa, where, it now appears, it will remain in the forefront of national problems until some sort of solution is found. The complaint of war-shrunken markets, falling prices and rising costs has been heard before, but never has it had the backing of so unified a representation of farmers as now, states the Christian Science Monitor. This unity was the key result of the recent meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in Toronto, when more than 300,000 Dominion farmers pledged themselves to mobilise rural Canada to better the farmer's present plight.

Never in the memory of veteran Federal Government to assume half of the freight cost on feed grain from the head of the Great Lakes to Eastern Canada on condition that the provincial governments assume the remainder of the cost and distribute the grain among the farmers for livestock feeding. He has also agreed that during the summer months when production is at its highest point there shall be a minimum price for butter.

A clash with the interests of the wheat growers would probably grow over legislation which might set a limit on production. The main recommendation presented by the Toronto convention by the Western Agricultural Conference was that there be no restriction in wheat acreage.

Mr. Gardner agrees with this view which is generally accepted throughout the wheat raising country at the present time. The Federal Government's wheat policy is still in the making but it may be regarded as significant that plans are going ahead for the construction, by the line companies, of storage facilities for 50,000,000 bushels of grain at the head of the lakes.

During the Toronto convention the belief was repeatedly expressed that the farm problem should take second place to that of winning the war. There was agreement on every side with the stand that Canadian farms should make available their products at the lowest possible cost to Great Britain. What was asked, however, was that prices be allowed to advance on the domestic market.

The definite suggestion was made that the workings of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board be extended to fix maximum prices for goods and services entering into the cost of farm production.

From livestock men came the request for a board to regulate their industry in the same manner as the Board of Grain Commissioners works for the wheat growers. A processing tax of 50 cents a bushel on wheat used as flour in Canada was asked by the grain growers who urged that the revenue from this, estimated at \$25,000,000, be passed on the farmers. It was further estimated that the tax would mean an increase of 1 cent a loaf.

### SMOOTHING PATHS OF AGRICULTURE

The Minister, however, is making an effort to smooth the path of agriculture by removing some causes of complaint. He has increased the bonus on cheese, and has offered on behalf of the

## COMMONS QUERY FAR EAST TRADE DISCRIMINATION

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter) — Mr. Hamilton Kerr asked in the House of Commons whether the Foreign Secretary had enquired of the Japanese Government how they reconciled their action of restricting the import of sugar to China to imports from Japan and from Formosa with Mr. Matsumura's repeated declarations that there would be no discrimination against the trade of other countries.

He also asked regarding the importation of 24,000 bags of sugar to Tsin-tao while applications for permits by British firms were refused.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that the Foreign Secretary had called for a report of the present position in regard to import of sugar to China.

## WOLFRAM-PRODUCING AREAS

A survey of Kwangtung's wolfram-producing areas has been made by the quarters concerned. It is revealed that wolfram is produced in 32 districts totalling an area of more than 10,000 square miles. Among the producing centers which lie mainly in the valleys of the East, West, North and Hain Rivers, six are in Yungyun, 14 in Tsungfu, seven in Chihling, four in Lohkong, two in Kukung, four in Waiyeung, three in Melhsien, two in Hoyuan, two in Tzukem, three in Fungshun, three in Chungshan, four in Enping, two in Tolshan and two in Sunwui. (Central News).

## Finance and Commerce

### C.I.C.'S PROGRAMME THIS YEAR

Consolidating the existing co-operative units throughout Free China and organising them into a strong national federation form the keynote of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives' programme for the current year, declared Mr. Rewi Alley, technical expert and chief adviser to the C.I.C. in an interview with the CENTRAL NEWS.

Mr. Alley, who just completed a four-month tour of Szechuan, south Shansi, southwest Honan, Kansu and other provinces where he inspected the industrial co-operatives, arrived in Hongkong from Chinkiang a few days ago.

He revealed that there has been no numerical advancement of the C.I.C. in the past nine months during which time efforts have been made mainly to improve and strengthen the existing units.

There are now between 2,000 and 3,000 such units with a total of over 40,000 members and some 50,000 people indirectly working under them. With an aggregate capital of about \$15,000,000, these co-operatives produce some \$20,000,000 worth of goods monthly. The articles produced are of 120 varieties, including woollen blankets, machines, and leather shoes.

During the past winter, Mr. Alley revealed, some 500,000 woollen

### Kwangtung Develops Industry

The Kwangtung authorities are taking positive steps to develop industries generally.

Besides the expansion of old factories, several new ones have been established, among which are an absorbent cotton factory, with a daily output of 120 lbs of cotton, a paper mill and an electric battery manufacturer with a daily output of 120 dozen of batteries.

Meanwhile, a number of factories are being projected including a cotton mill, a flour mill, a water

and power plant, and an iron foundry.

The latter two are expected to be established in the near future.

—(Central News)

### MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FETED

Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Belgian-educated Minister of Economic Affairs, who arrived in Hongkong last week to attend the annual conference of the Board of Trustees of the China Foundation for the Promotion of Education and Culture, was honoured by the Chinese Manufacturers Union, the Hongkong Branch of the Chinese Products Manufacturing and Sales Association and the Chinese Industrial Service Association, at the Kiu Kok Restaurant.

A large number of leading merchants, industrialists and financiers of Hongkong and Shanghai were present, prominent among them being Mr. Y.T. Tsur, Commissioner of Reconstruction of Kweichow, Messrs. Ip Lan-chuen, Ling Kang-hou, Yuan Wei-yang, Liu Lu-chi, and Wang Hsiao-jai.

Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, Mr. Ling Kang-hou and Mr. Yuan Wei-yang delivered the welcome speeches on behalf of the three organisations. Dr. Wong, in response, paid a glowing tribute to the work of the Chinese industrialists in Hongkong and exhorted them to continue their valuable efforts.

Continuing, Dr. Wong promised to render every assistance needed for the removal of factories into the interior. He revealed that since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, more than 1,300 new factories have sprung into existence in Southwest China and that the Chinese are now able to manufacture most of the machinery necessary for productive purposes.

### CHUNGKING-PAOKI BUS SERVICE

CHUNGKING, Apr. 23 (Central) — A bus service will be inaugurated on May 1 on the highway between Chungking and Paoki in Shensi. A bus will leave each end on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. It will take six days to cover the whole journey either way.

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Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8  
Credits 4 months' sight  
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On demand ..... 460  
On Singapore:—  
On demand ..... 52 3/4  
On Japan:—  
On demand ..... 102 1/2  
On India:—  
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 5/8  
and demand ..... 82 5/8  
On New York:—  
Bank Bills, on demand 24  
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 3/4  
On Batavia:—  
On demand ..... 45  
On Paris:—  
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.  
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.  
On Saigon:—  
On demand ..... 104  
On Manila:—  
On demand ..... 48  
On Bangkok:—  
On demand ..... 148 1/2  
On Sterling Notes:—  
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.  
Bar Silver per oz. ..... 23 1/2

## Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Wednesday, Apr. 23.  
Silver prices were unchanged  
yesterday, the quotations remaining  
at 23 1/2 for Ready and For-  
ward. Silver advices reported In-  
dian Government as having sold.  
The market was steady. American  
Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for  
Spot.

The London/New York cross-  
rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New  
York/London was quoted at 402.  
1/4.

## MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING  
There were sellers at 1/3 up to  
June, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for any  
delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS  
Some business was done at 24.  
3/8 for May delivery. The market  
closed with sellers at 24 5/16 April/  
June, buyers at 24 3/8 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS  
Opened with sellers at 470 1/2 and  
then dropped to 469 1/2. Towards  
the close business was done  
at 471 1/2. The market closed  
with sellers at 471 1/4, buyers at  
471 3/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET  
Sterling opened with sellers at  
3 1/16. The highest rate touched  
was 3 3/16. At the close the rate  
receded again to 3 1/16 for Spot.  
U.S. Dollars opened with sellers  
at 5 5/62 and then rose to 5 3/16.  
The market closed with sellers at  
5 5/62 for Spot.

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Apr. 23 (Reuter).  
Official T.T. Rates

Opening  
London ..... 0/3-1/8  
New York ..... 5-1/16  
Japan ..... 21-1/2  
India ..... 17-1/4  
Paris ..... nominal  
Hongkong ..... 20-3/4

Sterling  
Sellers  
Opening .....  
Spot ..... 0/3-11/84 0/3-3/16  
Apr. ..... 0/3-11/84 0/3-3/16  
May ..... 0/3-11/84 0/3-3/16  
U.S. Dollars  
Spot ..... 55-5/32 55-5/32  
Apr. ..... 55-5/32 55-5/32  
May ..... 55-5/32 55-5/32  
Market:—Quiet.

Calcutta Exchange  
Calcutta, Apr. 22 (Reuter).  
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2.

India Rupee Paper  
Bombay, Apr. 22 (Reuter).  
Govt. 34% Rupee, 94-14-0.

SILVER MARKET  
LONDON SILVER  
London, Apr. 22 (Reuter).  
Silver—Small trade demand was  
satisfied by Indian Government  
sales. Market steady.

Spot, 23-1/2d.  
Forward, 23-1/2d.

BOMBAY SILVER  
Bombay, Apr. 22 (Reuter).  
Market—Steady. Offtake 100 bars.

Indian Mint Silver  
Ready ..... 62-13  
May 21 Settlement ..... 62-15  
June 20 Settlement ..... 63-01

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET  
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Apr. 22, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	11.29	11.15	11.27	11.15	.12 off
New York Rubber, May	22.80	22.53	22.80	22.53	.27 off
Chicago Wheat, May	904	894	904	894	.1 off
Chicago Corn, May	673	674	678	671	.1 off
New York Hides, June	13.86	13.75	13.72	13.72	.03 off
<b>NEW YORK COTTON</b>					
May	11.27	11.15	11.15	11.15	.12 off
July	11.23	11.08	11.08	11.08	.15 off
October	11.17	11.08	11.08	11.08	.09 off
December	11.15	11.07	11.07	11.07	.08 off
January	11.11	11.03	11.03	11.03	.08 off
March	11.14	11.05	11.05	11.05	.09 off
Spot	11.47	11.35	11.35	11.35	.12 off
Total sales Monday:—61,400 bales.					
The First Notice Day for May Cotton is April 25 and date of delivery is May 1.					
<b>NEW YORK RUBBER</b>					
May	22.80	N	22.53	53	.27 off
July (New contract)	21.90	90	22.05	55	.15 up
September ( )	21.45	48a	21.63b	65a	.18 up
December ( )	21.15	N	21.25	N	.10 up
Total sales for the day:—260 tons.					
The First Notice Day for May rubber is April 29 and last trading day is May 27.					
<b>CHICAGO WHEAT</b>					
May	90	90	894	894	.1 off
July	884	884	874	874	.1 off
September	884	884	884	884	.1 off
Monday's sales:—9,242,000 bushels.					
<b>CHICAGO CORN</b>					
May	671b	671	671	671	.1 off
July	682a	682	682	682	.1 off
September	681b	681	681	681	.1 off
Total sales for the day:—90 lots.					
<b>NEW YORK COCOA</b>					
May	7.15	N	7.19	N	.04 up
The First Notice Day for May cocoa is April 24 and the last trading day is May 22.					
<b>NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3</b>					
May	2.45b	48a	2.44b	45a	.01 off
July	2.46b	47a	2.45b	46a	.01 off
Volume of business done:—212 lots.					
The First Notice Day for No. 3 Sugar is April 24 and the last trading day is May 23.					
<b>NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4</b>					
May	774b	79a	78b	79a	.004 up
July	819	82a	818	82a	unch.
Volume of business done:—33 lots.					
The Last trading day for No. 4 Sugar is May 1.					
<b>NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES</b>					
July	11.48b	55a	11.45b	52a	.03 off
<b>NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL</b>					
July	9.22	22	9.14b	17a	.08 off
<b>NEW YORK LARD</b>					
September	9.20	20	9.10b	10	.10 off
<b>NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER</b>					
July	6.58b	60a	6.63	63	.05 up
N.Y. Official Silver	34	3/4	34	3/4	
N.Y. London Cross Rate	4.02	3/4	4.02	1/4	
<b>NEW YORK GOLD</b>					
London, Apr. 22 (Reuter). Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-					
<b>NEW YORK METALS EXCHANGE</b>					
London, Apr. 22 (Reuter). Tin Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £271-1/4.					
Tin Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, £267-1/8.					
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.					
<b>U.S. TAX BILL</b>					
WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (Reuter) —The House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee has voted in favour of the Treasury's					
proposed tax bill to raise \$3,500,000 of new revenue during the next fiscal year.					
<b>AMERICAN LOAN TO CHINA</b>					
WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (Reuter) —Southern coal-owners have agreed to restart negotiations with the United Mine Workers for re- sumption of work following an ap- peal by President Roosevelt.					
The appeal is for immediate re- opening in the public interest, of soft coal-mines, which have been shut for weeks.					
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WENCHOW TAKEN  
BY JAPANESE

Advance Inland Held  
By Chinese Forces

EAST CHERIANG, April 23 (Central)—Chinese reinforcements are being rushed to stamp the advance of the Japanese landing along the Chekiang coast. Large-scale fighting is expected to break out imminently before the Japanese can advance further inland.

Wenchow, treaty port about 30 miles from the mouth of the Ou River on the southern Chekiang coast, fell into Japanese hands on Sunday night. The Japanese who numbered about 4,000 men continued to push forward in a north-westerly direction and were engaged by the Chinese.

A Japanese unit reaching Chang-kowchen on the Fu Chun River, northeast of Tunglu, on Saturday was wiped out by the Chinese.

The Japanese who entered Chuik on the Chekiang-Kiang River, 38 miles south of Siaoshan, continued to push south in several columns yesterday. One column invaded Hengshanshi, south-east of Chuik, where they were heavily engaged by the Chinese defenders.

COLUMN INTERCEPTED

A second column pushing to Melhuatang and Towhsutson was intercepted and unable to make any headway. A third column driving down the railway to Pal-towchen was repulsed.

The Japanese who took Linhai (Taichow), on the Lingkang River in south-east Chekiang, tried to invade Tientai and Sienku, respectively north-west and south-west of Linhai. However, after meeting with strong Chinese resistance, they withdrew to Linhai.

S'HAI ASSASSIN  
ARRESTED

CHUNGKING, Apr. 23 (Central)—The gunman who shot and killed Lai Ting-wu, chief auditor of the so-called Central Reserve Bank established by the Wang Ching-wei regime yesterday was arrested by police in Fodchow Road in the International Settlement, according to a Shanghai report. He said his name was Ho Feng-hsiang.

Lai was fired upon in the Chung Nan Hotel in Avenue Edward VII at 4:45 p.m. He received two bullet wounds and died instantly.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE  
From 24 to 30 April, 1941.

Days of Week	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Thu.	24	h. m.	h. m.	ft. in.
	24	08 37	5 7	01 50
		20 50	5 6	14 20
	25	09 02	6 0	02 22
		21 31	5 6	14 07
Sat.	26	09 22	6 3	02 53
		22 11	5 3	15 38
Sun.	27	09 44	6 5	03 24
		22 48	5 0	16 18
Mon.	28	09 58	6 6	03 63
		23 26	4 8	16 60
Tues.	29	10 21	8 6	04 21
		—	17 37	1 3
Wed.	30	00 08	4 6	04 44
		10 48	6 7	18 18
				1 4

U.S. Increasing Staff Of  
Naval Experts In Far East

BATAVIA, Java, March 19.—Reliable quarters in Batavia said today that the United States is quietly increasing its staff of naval experts in the Far East and the southern Pacific area although they persisted in their denials that any concrete defence agreement has been concluded between America, Britain, Australia and the Dutch East Indies.

The informants said two U.S. naval officials each have been assigned to Singapore, Darwin, Sydney, Auckland and other points.

## NAVAL "OBSERVERS"

These are in addition to the U.S. naval officers assigned under routine orders to the legations in Australia and Thailand (Siam). The naval "observers" have been officially described as not members of the American and diplomatic consular offices in the Far East and south Pacific.

The arrival last Thursday of American warships in Australian waters on what was announced as a "training" and "recreation" cruise was considered significant at this time.

Reports, unconfirmed by official quarters, reiterated that Singapore will be available to the United States fleet if Japan moves southward.

## SKELETON SQUADRON

At the present time, it is said, there is only a bare skeleton British naval squadron stationed at the great naval base on the tip of the Malaya peninsula, although Australian air forces there have been steadily increasing in recent months.

There is a somewhat similar situation in the Dutch East Indies. The Dutch colonial navy lacks capital ships and depends mainly upon submarines and speedy torpedo boats.

In view of all these developments, official and otherwise, it is considered certain that the United States fleet will undertake "heavy work" if Japan moves the main body of her capital ships against either Singapore or the East Indies. (Central News).

The Police are investigating the incident and no clues have yet been found as to origin of bomb. (Central News).

FOREIGN SHIPPING  
IN UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (Reuters)

Legislation authorising the United States Government to take over and operate "any foreign vessel lying idle" in United States waters has been introduced by the Chairman of the House Merchant Marine Committee.

The legal and international angles of the situation were discussed by the Committee at a lengthy secret sitting.

Coastal Regions To  
Be Investigated

The China Geographical Institute is organising a party to carry out investigations on the South China coast.

The party, headed by Mr. Ma Ting-ying, is scheduled to set out from here for Fukien presently and expects to complete the investigations in six months, after which a report will be submitted to the Institute. (Central News).

REFUGEE CAMP  
EXPLOSION

Four refugee children in Shanghai were injured as the result of a mysterious bomb explosion which occurred at a refugee camp for women and children on Alabaster Road on the north side of the Soochow Creek.

The Police are investigating the incident and no clues have yet been found as to origin of bomb. (Central News).

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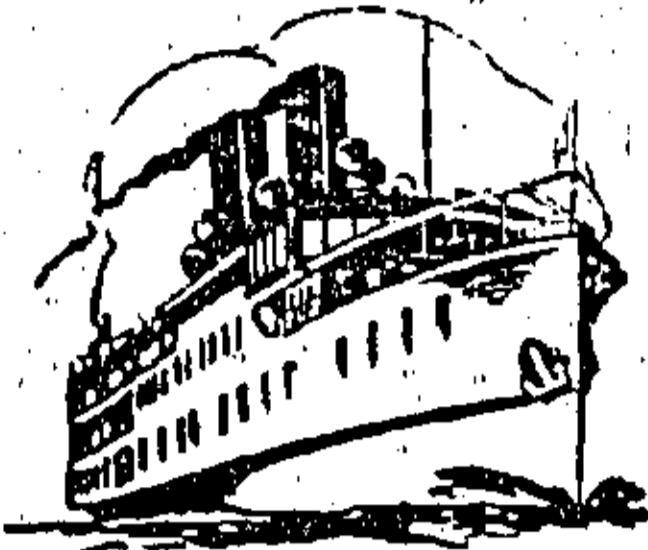
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TEACHERS TRAINING  
COLLEGE

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the widest sense in which that word has been applied to education.

Freedom of thought is implicit, and indeed explicit, in that phrase a 'liberal education' and freedom must be the dominant principle in the teacher's approach to his task; for only in free conditions can mind or body grow rightly and strongly.

So much for Government's interest in Teacher Training. I would like to say one word to the students of today and to those who will follow them. I offer you my congratulations on having in this College and in the modern training which takes place therein something greatly better than what your predecessors have had. I am very glad to learn from Mr. Rowell that you are responding well to these greater advantages.

## ABIDING DUTY

As I have just been saying, your profession carries responsibilities of incalculable importance and it is your abiding duty to fit yourselves and to keep yourselves fit for your high duties. I am pleased to hear of your Students Association: It should be a great help to you in your training, and its members

will, I trust, go forward to join that admirable body, the Teachers Association, where the lamps which are lit for you here will be kept burning brightly.

I hope and believe that you will be proud of this building and will seek to justify it. I would have you ever bear in mind that one of the main foundations upon which civilisation is built is the great arch of education, and that the key-stone of that arch is the training of the teachers.

Mr. Sollis, I assure you that I am proud that this College should bear my name. I took a godfather's privilege yesterday and had a good look at the baby before your guests of today could make its acquaintance. I had already taken a great liking to its pleasant yet dignified exterior; but as I went round with you and its architect Iking changed to enthusiasm.

I hope that it was just what a Teachers Training College should be—making the fullest use of the good sun's light; compact yet roomy; cheerful yet clearly serious of purpose; many-sided and yet single-minded. In short a masterpiece of its kind, on which I warmly congratulate its designer, Mr. Cornell.

It is with heartfelt good wishes for the College's success that I now declare it open.

## MR. C. G. SOLLIS

Mr. C. G. Sollis said: It is more than three years ago that the first step was taken which led up to the provision of this building, the Northcote Training College. It was Your Excellency who took that step, within a few months of your arrival in Hongkong, by setting up a committee to review the existing system for the training of teachers. As far as non-graduate teachers were concerned, the system which then existed comprised normal classes attached to Government schools and teachers' classes run by the Evening Institute.

These classes had done useful work but the conditions in which they had to carry on made it impossible to expect more than a limited standard of achievement and one which could not be considered adequate to the needs of the schools. The committee therefore recommended that a new centre for the training of teachers should be set up. That recommendation was accepted by Government and without delay action was taken to carry it into effect.

It was not only the origin of this college that was due to Your Excellency's initiative; throughout the course of its planning and organisation Your Excellency took a personal and indeed a paternal interest in this institution; I remember that when the financial proposals were first under discussion, more than two years ago, it was Your Excellency who said that adequate provision must be made to ensure that this educational baby should not be exposed to the risk of night starvation.

SCHOOLS ESSENTIAL  
As a contrast to this I may mention that only recently I overheard some one else remark that the training college was a waste of money. I was not able to ascertain on what grounds the speaker based this opinion, but it reflects an attitude to education which was commoner fifty years ago than it is today. Today it is recognised that schools are essential to the life of the community and it is the school master and school mistress that make the school.

For the success of their work, adequate training is essential and that training can only be given in centres properly designed for the purpose. I would like to take this opportunity of congratulating the architect, Mr. W. A. Cornell, on the fine building which has crowned his efforts.

I have briefly sketched the origin and development of this College because it shows that no more appropriate name could have been given to it than the name of Your Excellency. The founding of this College is an outstanding landmark in the progress of Hongkong education and with it Your Excellency's name is now associated as a lasting tribute to the foresight and enterprise which has resulted in this magnificent contribution to the welfare of present and future generations of children.

With all respect therefore, I beg to tender to Your Excellency very grateful thanks for today performing this opening ceremony of the Northcote Training College.

SHROFF WAYLAID  
AND ROBBED IN  
KOWLOON TONGTwo Of The Culprits  
Convicted At Sessions

A robbery in the Kowloon Tong district on Mar. 21 when a shroff was robbed of the money he had collected had a sequel at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when two of the robbers, Lam Hung-po, 22, ferry coolie, and Yan Chun, 19, were each sentenced to 18 months' hard labour by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams.

First accused had pleaded guilty to the charge.

The accused were charged with robbing Pun Chung-ping, shroff of the Wah Kiu Newspaper, of No. 110 Hollywood Road, of the sum of \$47.84.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Supt. C. Dowman appeared for the prosecution, while the following comprised the jury: Messrs. C. Buchanan (Foreman), C. Morton, Luen Ching-lee, Ho Shing-hing, C. Poon, Wong Cheuk-tong and M. Poon.

## COMPLAINANT THREATENED

Mr. Reynolds said that on Mar. 21 the shroff, Pun Chung-ping came out of the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association when he was approached by four Chinese and forcibly relieved him of a fountain pen and \$47.84. The men went away and one of them, whom Pun later identified as the first accused, threatened to strike him if they were chased.

The shroff followed the men to the junction of Cumberland Road and Boundary Street where he raised the alarm. The men ran in the direction of Prince Edward Road but Pun gave chase and arrested one man. Second accused was arrested in Shantung Street, Mongkok, on information.

When formally charged second accused made a statement that Ah, Sui, who did the snatching, and another man approached him and asked him for money. The men told him he would get money to spend if they could snatch some.

## STATEMENT FROM DOCK

In a statement from the dock yesterday second accused said that first accused approached him and said: "I have money now here is \$3.50 for you to spend."

In answer to a question by his Lordship, Mr. Reynolds said that the Crown based its case on the second accused's statement and by his action when he was told of the robbery by the detective who arrested accused.

Without retiring the jury returned an unanimous verdict of guilty.

CHINESE GUERRILLAS  
BOMB SWATOW  
THEATRE

SHIUKWAN, Apr. 23 (Central)—Chinese guerrillas filtered into Swatow on the southeast Kwangtung coast on the night of April 14 and threw several bombs into the Chung Wong Theatre, killing and wounding a number of Japanese officers and soldiers and puppet officials.

On the same day Japanese troops in the Chaochow-Swatow area made an attack on Lientong and Taiwongkong. In the ensuing fight they were defeated, suffering many casualties. Two Chinese petty officers were also killed.

SOVIET FRONTIER  
EVACUATION

ANKARA, Apr. 23 (Reuters)—The evacuation of all the population living in the zone 30 miles along the German-Soviet frontier, has been undertaken by the Russian authorities, according to reliable information received in Polish circles here.

The Russians are also reported to be demolishing all buildings in this zone, where trainloads of barbed wire and logs have arrived.

RECREIO WIN AT  
BILLIARDS

Club de Recreio beat Kowloon Cricket Club by four matches to two in a billiards and snooker contest on Tuesday night.

Billiards: J. O. Remedios beat F. Zimmern 170 to 147, E. M. L. Soares beat J. H. S. Duncan 150-31; J. C. Remedios beat E. Curtis 150 to 83.

Snooker: J. R. Luke (K. C. C.) beat C. Cunha 97-80; C. Pope (K. C. C.) beat C. F. Rosario 145-73; A. F. Noronha beat E. C. Fletcher 117-63.

## FOREIGN MAIRS

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A PLEASANT  
SURPRISE FOR  
S'HAI RESIDENT

The letter below was received in Shanghai and published by the North China Daily News, recently from a former Shanghai-lander who relates his pleasant surprise when he saw an ambulance marked "Presented by the Central British War Fund, Shanghai."

The magnificent efforts of Shanghai Britons in contributing to the various war funds are therefore now having visible results, and it is to be hoped that as the war progresses, more and more aid will be given to those at home in the battle against Germany. An extract from the letter follows:—

## EXTRACT FROM LETTER

"I suppose Shanghai has not altered at all since I left, unless, of course, it happens to be for the better by my absence but I am afraid I cannot say the same of London, as in some parts it really does look the most awful mess, but considering its immensity, I think the amount of damage is really very small. However, I think you will find a considerable change in the country when you come home again."

"I tell you one thing that I was awfully buckled about, that was, that whilst I was in Cheltenham, the town to which my wife had evacuated in September last during my absence, I happened to see an ambulance, on the side of which was marked "Presented by the Central British War Fund, Shanghai".

"As you can imagine, having just returned from Shanghai and knowing the efforts of so many people to boost the fund it was more than pleasant to see this, so that you might tell all the lads that I saw it, that it looked awfully nice, and I hope that it will help them to increase, if possible, their subscriptions to the Fund."

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